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A Year In Review

July 2008 to June 2009



AMC Snap Shot
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Hostages Returned to U.S.



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July 2, 2008: Three Americans flew to freedom aboard an Air Mobility Command C-17 Globemaster III on July 2 after being held more than five years in captivity by the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. The three military contractors -- Marc Gonsalves, Thomas Howes and Keith Stansell, all employees of the Los Angeles-based Northrop Grumman Corporation -- were rescued by the Colombian military and returned to the United States by a 17-member C-17 crew. The men were captured in February 2003 after their drug-surveillance plane went down in the jungles of southern Colombia.





California Wildfire Support



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July 2008: Aircraft from four AMC-gained units -- Air Guard and Air Force Reserve units that would report directly to AMC if mobilized -- assisted in efforts to bring more than 100 wildfires in California under control. The units include three Air National Guard wings -- the 145th Airlift Wing from Charlotte, N.C.; the 146th Airlift Wing from Channel Islands Air National Guard Station, Calif.; and the 153rd Airlift Wing from Cheyenne, Wyo. - - and one Air Force Reserve wing -- the 302nd Airlift Wing from Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.





Georgia Airlift Operations



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August 2008: Air Force mobility Airmen and aircraft were actively involved in airlift operations to aid the people of the Republic of Georgia. In addition to delivering humanitarian aid, Air Force airlifters returned approximately 2,000 Georgian troops from their deployed location in Iraq. AMC C-17s deployed with the 4th and the 14th Airlift Squadrons flew missions redeploying the Georgian troops from Iraq to the Georgian capital, Tbilisi, on Aug. 10-11, after the Georgian government asked the United States for assistance. Command and control and coordination of the airlift effort was provided by the 618th Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.





Hurricane Relief Operations



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August 2008: Days prior to Hurricane Gustav and Ike making landfall, AMC aircraft and people moved fast to evacuate thousands of Gulf Coast residents, including the aeromedical evacuation of special needs patients and elderly residents. Following the evacuation efforts, the AMC aircraft and crews stood ready to respond, if needed, with humanitarian aid and emergency personnel. For Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, AMC coordinated the movement of nearly 8,100 evacuees, about 600 patients, and more than 505 tons of equipment.





10,000th MRAP Delivery



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September 2008: In September, Air Mobility Command Airmen delivered the 10,000th Mine-resistant, Ambush-Protected (MRAP) vehicle to troops supporting Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. MRAPs were introduced in 2007, and AMC Airmen worked around-the-clock planning, coordinating and executing air transport missions to rush the lifesaving vehicles to Iraq and Afghanistan. Using a variety of aircraft, including C-5 Galaxies, C-17 Globemaster IIIs and contracted AN-124s, AMC transported nearly 3,000 -- roughly one third -- of the total number of MRAPs delivered to the warfighters.





A Safe 2008 Summer



September 2008: Air Mobility Command's 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign ended successfully this year with zero fatalities. "Though the command did fantastically during the 101 Critical Days campaign, we must not lessen our accident and personal injury prevention efforts," said Col. Donald Halpin, AMC director of safety. "Over the past five years, AMC alone has lost six Airmen, and two others sustained permanent disabling injuries, during the fall campaign time frame." The safety campaign, which runs annually from May 24 to Sept. 2, is used to help counter the increase in fatalities and mishaps during the summer months. The campaign attempts to increase personal awareness of safety risks and thereby reduce the number of summer fatalities and mishaps.

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Charleston Delivers HMEEs



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Oct. 29, 2008: Charleston AFB, S.C., began receiving and shipping U.S. Army High Mobility Engineer Excavator (HMEE) vehicles to warfighters in Southwest Asia. The HMEEs were transported to forward deployed locations to assist Soldiers and contractors in hostile environments. The HMEE is a newly developed military construction vehicle capable of a wide range of mobility affording more protection for the operator than standard road repair and construction equipment. Charleston AFB was selected to process the HMEEs for shipment because of its proximity to the production site in Savannah, Ga.





AMC Icon Winner

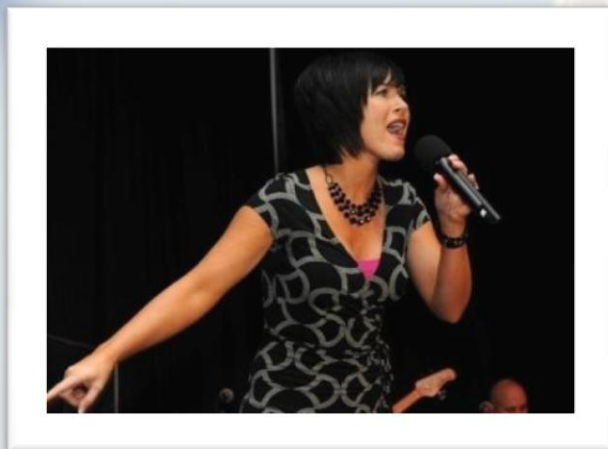


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Oct. 23, 2008: Airman First Class Johanna Brooks of Fairchild AFB, Wash., was named the winner of the Air Mobility Command Icon competition following the command performance at Scott AFB, Ill., on Oct. 23. Airman First Class Naomi Nadeau of Dover AFB, Del., garnered second place, and Master Sgt. Robert Martin, representing Travis AFB, Calif., took third. AMC Icon, loosely based around the hit TV show "American Idol," featured vocalists from all 11 AMC bases. The AMC

finalists were named the best Airmen amateur vocalists at their respective base-level competitions, held earlier in the year.



A1C Johanna Brooks of Fairchild AFB, Wash.



Operation Deep Freeze



November 2008 – Air Mobility Command Airmen on Nov. 26 completed the first operational C-17 Globemaster III airdrop to the Antarctic Gamburtsev Mountain Province. Thirty bundles of fuel and other supplies were delivered by members of the 446th and 62nd Airlift Wings (from McChord Air Force Base, Wash.) to a scientific camp in the province, one of the most remote locations on earth. "The success of this mission was a full total force partnership," said Chief Master Sgt. James Masura, deployed from the 446th AW as the 304th EAS superintendent. "This small team worked extremely hard to ensure we put the cargo on the surface to ensure completion of this groundbreaking science project." The mission was flown as part of Operation Deep Freeze, a U.S. Pacific Command Joint Task Force Support Forces Antarctica mission.

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Synthetic Fuel Milestone



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August 2008:

An Air Force Reserve aircrew from March Air Reserve Base, Calif., made History Aug. 28 By Refueling an F-22 Raptor with

a 50/50 synthetic fuel blend, the same blend used to fuel its KC-135R. Both aircraft used only the blended fuel mix during the 2.5-hour sortie, which included two refuelings. The 827th Aircraft Sustainment Group at Tinker AFB, Okla., ordered the testing of the fuel blend. People in the Air Mobility Command Test and Evaluation Squadron evaluated the suitability of JP-8 fuel blended with 50 percent synthetic paraffinic kerosene fuel (Fischer-Tropsch) for use in a KC-135R aircraft.





AMC Sortie Record



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November 2008: Air Mobility Command's 618th Tanker Airlift Control Center, the execution arm for global airlift, air refueling and aeromedical evacuation operations, set a new record for the number of sorties planned in a 24-hour period. The new mark, set at 1,063 sorties, toppled the previous high of 1,051 set in February. An AMC sortie is a single point-to-point flight by an aircraft under AMC operational control performing a warfighting, exercise, contingency, or aeromedical evacuation requirement for the U.S. Transportation Command.





New AMC Mission/Focus Areas



Dec. 8, 2008: Air Mobility Command unveiled its new mission statement and focus areas. The new Mission statement – *Provide Global Air Mobility ... Right Effects, Right Place, Right Time* – more closely aligns with the new Air Force mission statement -- *To Fly, Fight and Win ... in Air, Space and Cyberspace* -- and better illustrates the effects of the wide range of AMC missions.



AMC's five new focus areas:

- Win Today's Fight as Part of the Joint/Coalition Force
- Develop and Care for our Airmen and Families
- Enhance Nuclear Mission Support
- Optimize Mobility Partnerships; and
- Prepare Mobility Forces for the Future

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Mission to Guatemala



Dec. 5-6, 2008: a Dover Air Force Base, Del., C-5 Galaxy packed with 64,000 pounds of cargo traveled to the Guatemala City International Airport to assist a local grade school and orphanage. The crew delivered a variety of materials, including kitchen items, clothes, dressers, desks, beds, wood and corrugated metal to help sustain and repair a school and orphanage. According to Tech. Sgt. William Adkins, an Air Force C-5 instructor loadmaster who interacted with teachers and volunteers, the supplies were downloaded and then delivered by boat to the school and orphanage, located about five hours from the airport. The humanitarian mission was part of the Denton Program, a Department of Defense humanitarian assistance transportation program that utilizes space available military air, surface and sea-lift assets.

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McChord Earns Top Marks



January 12, 2009: Air Force officials gave the 62nd Airlift Wing the highest-possible grade today following a week-long inspection of the wing's role as the nation's Primary Nuclear Airlift Force.

"These results underscore our commitment to the American people in our ability to conduct our number one no-fail mission," said Col. Jeffrey Stephenson, 62nd AW commander. "No mission is more important than safeguarding our vital nuclear capabilities and maintaining nuclear deterrence. These scores represent our Airmen's hard work and pride in their mission, as well as Air Mobility Command's focus on enhancing its support to the nuclear enterprise."

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Operations in Darfur



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January 6, 2009: Air Mobility Command assisted a U.S. Africa Command-led operation to airlift equipment into the Darfur region of Sudan in support of United Nations and African Union peacekeeping missions, according to AMC officials. The operation was announced Monday by President George W. Bush during a media availability with First Vice President to the Government of National Unity of Sudan, Salva Kiir. During the session President Bush detailed U.S. support to include movement of 240 containers worth of equipment by the Department of State, and airlift of equipment from Rwanda by the DoD.





McGuire KC-10s to the Fight



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January 20, 2009: KC-10 Extenders have played a prominent role in the on-going war effort since Sept. 11, 2001. The KC-10 has flown more than 350 missions guarding U.S. skies as a part of Operation Noble Eagle. During the past year alone, in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, KC-10s have flown more than 4,200 missions delivering critical air refueling support to numerous joint and coalition receiver aircraft. During a series of recent missions, KC-10s and the 2nd Air Refueling Squadron (McGuire AFB, N.J.) played a large role in providing fuel to fighter aircraft protecting ground assets involved in building the Kajaki Dam in Afghanistan.





Spirit of Global Reach at Dover



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February 9, 2009: The Spirit of Global Reach made its triumphant arrival at Dover Air Force Base Feb. 9, putting itself in the history books as Dover AFB's first C-5M Super Galaxy. The Spirit of Global Reach was the first of three C-5Ms Dover will receive for operational testing and evaluation. The C-5M will provide new capabilities for the Air Force. The aircraft has state-of-the-art engines that produce more than 50,000 pounds of thrust, which allow it to Carry 285,000 pounds of cargo.





AE brings 'Total Force' together



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February 25, 2009: In the Air Force today, the phrase "Total Force," the multi-component of active duty, Reserves, and Guard forces in the military, is a way of life for many Airmen. In the Air Mobility Command aeromedical evacuation community, every day entails a combination of Total Force AMC assets and communication challenges in order to save lives. AMC aeromedical evacuation missions are coordinated multiple times a week to fly into a designated theater, such as Iraq or Afghanistan, and take patients out of the warzone to get the appropriate level of care for the individual.





CSAF Signs USAFEC Charter

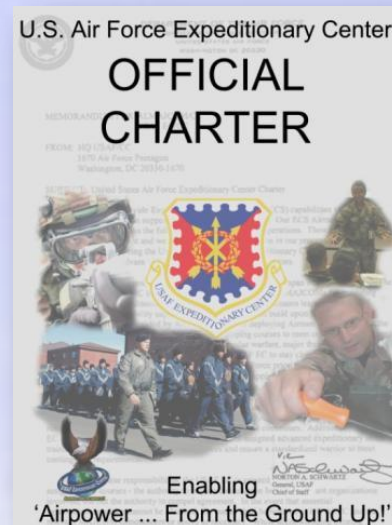


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March 3, 2009: The official charter for the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center was signed by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz March 3 giving the center its "mandate to operate." The charter outlines how the Air Force must provide expeditionary combat Support capabilities to combatant commanders in support of their strategic objectives.

"The USAFEC reports to (Air Mobility Command) but works for and is responsible to all (major commands) for executing assigned advanced expeditionary skills training, incorporating lessons learned, tactics development and air mobility capability," the charter states.





621st CRW Brings Mobility Support



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March 31, 2009: If an earthquake triggered a tsunami that wiped out the southern coast of Puerto Rico, who would respond? To help answer that question, more than 80 Airmen from the 621st Contingency Response Wing (Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.) deployed to locations throughout Puerto Rico and the outlying island of St. Thomas, and took part in a large-scale, joint disaster relief exercise that focused on this scenario, March 23-29. "This exercise gave us the opportunity to present the CRW's capabilities to FEMA and some of the other federal agencies. When they saw what we are able to provide in terms of mobility support, they were absolutely thrilled. It really was a ground-breaking event."





Sacrifice and Service



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April 23, 2009: The night sky looked calm and tranquil from a gently soaring aircraft, miles above the Eastern seaboard towns below. However, there was nothing tranquil or calm in the hearts of one family on board that craft, traveling to Dover Air Force Base to witness the dignified transfer of their son's remains. *Their son, their Marine, their hero* paid the ultimate sacrifice in the mountains of Afghanistan only a day earlier. The Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations Center carefully prepared his remains for transfer to his final resting place.





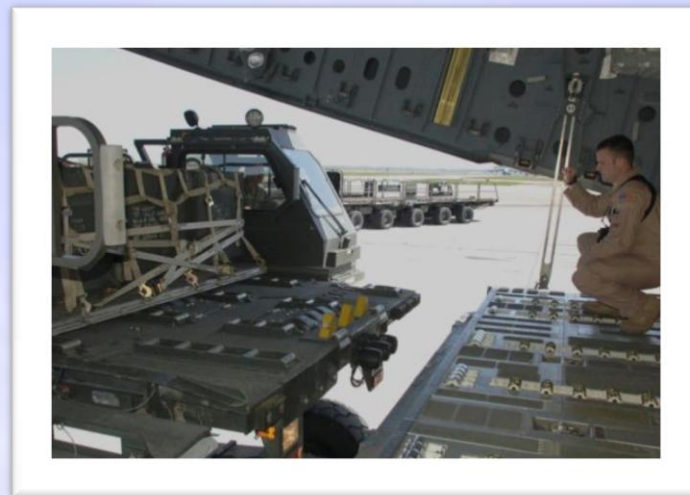
C-17s Ramp Up Support for OEF



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April 30, 2009: Over the past five weeks, three Pacific Air Forces C-17 Globemaster IIIs flew around-the-clock missions from Manas to Afghanistan delivering special cargo in support of the Operation Enduring Freedom surge. The unofficially named "Manas C-17 Shuttle" played an integral role in the Expeditionary Mobility Task Force triangle delivery system to move special cargo delivered from Japan via contracted 747 cargo aircraft. In turn, the C-17 crews staged at Manas were tasked to take the cargo downrange for the buildup of temporary flight ramp areas at various locations in Afghanistan.





'Port Dawgs' Keep Mission Moving



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May 26, 2009: They work tirelessly around the clock, no matter what the weather. They are on the flightline making sure the warfighter down range is getting the supplies they need to fight the fight. They are the unsung heroes of the flightline. They are the aerial porters, also known as, "Port Dawgs!" The journey to becoming one of these "dawgs" begins, surprisingly enough, at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where every enlisted Airman attends initial basic training. When most of their basic training comrades leave the base to begin their technical training at other installations, perspective aerial porters simply "cross the street" to start their training right there at Lackland.





Delivering aid to South America



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May 13, 2009: An Air Mobility Command C-17 Globemaster III and its crew, operating in conjunction with U.S. Southern Command efforts, delivered 30,000 H1N1 influenza prevention kits to six South American countries May 8 to 10, according to AMC officials. The prevention kits were delivered by the U.S. Airmen to the governments of Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, and Nicaragua. The intent was for the governments to distribute the kits to first responders in the event of an outbreak of the H1N1 virus in their respective countries.





618 TACC Earns DOD Recognition



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June 3, 2009: The 618th Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott AFB, Ill., was awarded first prize for the best operational improvement initiative during the Department of Defense's Second Annual Continuous Process Improvement Symposium June 1-3 at the National Conference Center in Lansdowne, Va. The 618th TACC project addressed the problem of minimizing flight costs through improved flight routing. The problem statement was: "The shortest distance between two points is a straight line -- also called a 'great circle' in aviation terms. How do we minimize flying time and fuel cost? How do we incorporate this into the standard work of flight planning?" The 618th TACC is proactively engaged in multiple air traffic control working groups world-wide to identify opportunities for shortened flight routing to save flying time, costs and even reduce AMC's carbon footprint. At the same time, the 618th TACC developed international partnerships that help reduce diplomatic clearance restrictions to further improve air routing.



Moving Strykers into Afghanistan



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June 8, 2009: Air Mobility Command's hub for global airlift, air refueling and aeromedical evacuation is "all in" with its commitment to support joint worldwide operations, kicking off efforts this week to airlift more than 300 Stryker vehicles to military forces in Afghanistan. Moving the Strykers, which are assigned to the 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team out of Fort Lewis, Wash., was accomplished by a combination of sealift and airlift assets. The vehicles and equipment were taken by ship for the majority of the trip around the world, and then the Air Force took over to fly the last portion of the journey into land-locked Afghanistan.





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AMC Snapshot



(Current as of 24 July 2009)



OEF / OIF

**8.89M Passengers
3.67M Tons of Cargo
496,426 Sorties**

Total Force Team

**54,420 Active Duty & Civilian
36,565 Guard
42,268 Reserve
133,253 Total**

Airlift Since 9/11

**12.75M Passengers
4.71M Tons of Cargo**

Air Refueling Since 9/11

**10.59B Lbs of Fuel
(1.58B Gallons of Fuel)**

Aeromedical Evacuation Since OIF

**27,659 Sorties
134,989 Patient Movements**

Rapid/Precise Global Air Mobility

On a typical day, Air Mobility Command coordinates an average of 900 airlift and air refueling missions, moving nearly 2,000 tons of cargo and more than 6,000 passengers. From delivering fuel, supplies and aeromedical support to combat forces, to providing humanitarian aid – or soft power – to victims of natural disasters both at home and abroad, Air Mobility Command has been engaged in almost nonstop operations since its inception. This map includes just a few highlights of AMC operations since Sept. 11, 2001.

Information Graphic by Mark D. Diamond, Hq. AMC Public Affairs

Guatemala:
In December 2008, an AMC C-5 Galaxy packed with 64,000 pounds of cargo traveled to the Guatemala City International Airport to assist a local grade school and orphanage. The crew delivered a variety of supplies, including kitchen items, clothes, dressers, desks, and beds,

Hurricanes Katrina/Rita:
During Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, the 618th TACC tasked nearly 900 sorties to support relief efforts, and mobility forces moved more than 14,600 passengers, nearly 3,000 patients, and hauled the equivalent of 686 semi-truckloads of supplies to and from the Gulf Coast region.

Hurricanes Gustav/Ike:
For Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in August and September 2008, AMC coordinated the movement of more than 9,000 evacuees, about 400 patients, and about 1,300 tons of equipment.

H1N1 Kits:
In May 2009, an Air Mobility Command C-17 Globemaster III and its crew, in a joint effort with with U.S. Southern Command, delivered 30,000 H1N1 influenza prevention kits to six South American countries.

U.S. Wildfires:
AMC frequently supports fire-fighting efforts throughout the United States, transporting people and equipment to the affected areas. In 2008 alone, C-130s conducted more than 985 drops, dispensing more than 1,350,000 gallons of fire retardant and water.

Republic of Georgia:
In August 2008, following Russian attacks on the Republic of Georgia, mobility Airmen and aircraft were actively involved in airlift operations to aid the people of Georgia. In addition to almost 600 tons of relief supplies, Air Force C-17s quickly transported nearly 2,000 Georgian troops and their equipment from their deployed location in Iraq to the Georgian capital of Tbilisi.

Daily AMC Operations:
Since Sept. 11, 2001, AMC has flown more than 1.2 million sorties, transported more than 12.1 million passengers, delivered more than 4.5 million tons of equipment and supplies, and offloaded about 1.5 billion gallons of fuel.

China Earthquake Relief:
In May 2008, the Defense Department responded to a Chinese request for assistance, and C-17 aircraft delivered approximately 200,000 pounds of FEMA-supplied humanitarian aid to China's earthquake-stricken Sichuan province. Within 24 hours after the government coordination was completed, the cargo was being off-loaded in China.

Tsunami Disaster:
In the days following the Dec. 26, 2005, tsunami disaster around the Indian Ocean, mobility aircraft and people delivered tons of relief equipment and hundreds of servicemembers into the affected region.

Pakistan Earthquake:
In 2005, mobility Airmen assigned to the 621st Contingency Response Group supported 273 U.S. missions providing 15,294,000 pounds of relief supplies, including more than 93,000 sleeping bags and 292,000 blankets.

Russian Sub Rescue:
In August 2005, AMC generated airlift and air refueling missions supporting the rescue effort to save seven Russian sailors stranded aboard a submarine off Russia's coast.

Darfur (Africa):
In January 2009, Air Mobility Command was poised to assist a U.S. Africa Command-led operation to airlift equipment into the Darfur region of Sudan in support of United Nations and African Union peacekeeping missions.

Burmese (Myanmar) Relief:
In May 2008, Air Force C-130s delivered emergency relief to Rangoon International Airport in response to devastation caused by Tropical Cyclone Nargis. All told, Air Mobility aircraft flew 63 missions into Myanmar, delivering more than 1.1 million pounds of relief supplies.

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